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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-35. (Canceled)

- 35. (New) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a smooth muscle cell myosin heavy chain (SM-MHC) promoter/enhancer, wherein the enhancer comprises the rat or human sequence depicted in Figure 18(b), and the promoter comprises a heterologous TATA box or transcription initiation site, and wherein the promoter/enhancer initiates expression in a smooth muscle cell *in vivo* when introduced into an animal.
- 36. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 35, wherein the promoter comprises a CArG1 and/or a CArG2 motif.
- 37. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 35, wherein the promoter is coupled to a minimal thymidine kinase (TK) promoter.
- 38. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 35, wherein the promoter is operably linked to a heterologous polynucleotide.
- 39. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 38, wherein the heterologous polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide.
- 40. (New) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a smooth muscle cell myosin heavy chain (SM-MHC) promoter/enhancer, wherein the promoter/enhancer sequence comprises SEQ ID NO:16 or SEQ ID NO:17, wherein a CArG2 or intronic CArG motif is mutated and wherein the promoter is expressed in a subset of smooth muscle cells *in vivo* when introduced into an animal.
- 41. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 40, wherein the CArG2 motif is mutated.

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- 42. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 40, wherein the intronic CArG motif is mutated.
- 43. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 40 wherein promoter is operably linked to a heterologous polynucleotide.
- 44. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 40, wherein the heterologous polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide.
- 45. (New) A genetically engineered cell comprising the polynucleotide of claim 35 or 40.
- 46. (New) A composition comprising the polynucleotide of claims 35 or 40 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 47 (New) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a smooth muscle cell myosin heavy chain (SM-MHC) promoter/enhancer, wherein the promoter/enhancer sequence comprises:

nucleotides 1 to 6700 and 11,700 to 13,700 of SEQ ID NO:16 and does not comprise the intervening nucleotides; or

nucleotides 1 to 6700 and 9,500 to 15,800 of SEQ ID NO:16 and does not comprise the intervening nucleotides; and

wherein the promoter/enhancer comprises a mutated or unmutated CArG2 or intronic CArG motif and the promoter/enhancer initiates expression in a subset of smooth muscle cells *in vivo* when introduced into an animal.

- 48. (New) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 47, wherein the promoter/enhancer comprises nucleotides 1 to 6700 and 11,700 to 13,700 of SEQ ID NO:16 and does not comprise the intervening nucleotides.
- 49. (New) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 47, wherein the promoter/enhancer comprises nucleotides 1 to 6700 and 9,500 to 15,800 of SEQ ID NO:16 and does not comprise the intervening nucleotides.

- 50. (New) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 47, wherein the promoter/enhancer initiates expression in gastrointestinal, airway, arteriolar, and bladder smooth muscle cells but does not initiate expression in vascular smooth muscle cells within large arteries.
- 51. (New) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 47, wherein the promoter/enhancer comprises a mutated CArG2 motif.
- 52. (New) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 47, wherein the promoter/enhancer comprises an unmutated CArG2 motif.
- 53. (New) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 47, wherein the promoter/enhancer comprises a mutated intronic CArG motif.
- 54. (New) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 47, wherein the promoter/enhancer comprises an unmutated intronic CArG motif.
- 55. (New) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 53, wherein the promoter/enhancer initiates selective expression in vascular smooth muscle in arterioles and airway smooth muscle.
- 56. (New) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 51, wherein the promoter/enhancer initiates selective expression in gastrointestinal smooth muscle.
- 57. (New) A genetically engineered cell comprising the polynucleotide of claim 47.
- 58. (New) A composition comprising the polynucleotide of claim 47 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.